

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Kindly insert the following paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3.

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

51 This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/189,653, filed November 10, 1998 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,171,792), and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/065,273, filed November 10, 1997 (now abandoned).

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Kindly amend the paragraph at page 23, lines 9-14 as follows.

B3 **Assembly of pCW24.** To assemble pCW24 a*NotI*/*KpnI* LexOp-LacZ fragment of pCW221 was inserted into the *NotI*/*KpnI* site of pCW21 to create pCW22. Next, a self-annealed 5'-CTAGGGCCCTAGCATG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 17) fragment was inserted at the *SphI* site of pCW22 to generate an *ApaI* site and the vector pCW23. After digesting pCW23 with *ApaI*/*PmeI*, a *SmaI*/*ApaI* digested LYS2 fragment of pCW01 was inserted to create pCW24.

✓ Insert the accompanying sequence listing at the end of the specification.